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#### JCCC's Sunflower thrives on Earth Day

by Miguel M. Morales



This year, the campus community worked to highlight the open petal policy by embracing Earth Day and highlighting the campus' sustainability initiative.

President Terry Calaway signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, March 28. The commitment pledges that the college will develop a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality and a commitment to environmental sustainability

JCCC stands as the largest educational institution in Kansas and the second community college to sign the pledge. The other Kansas partners are Labette Community College, Parsons; Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina; and Southwestern College, Winfield.

"One of the great challenges facing the entire global community today is that of climate change," Calaway said. "To meet this challenge will require a transformation of our society and its institutions, including our colleges and schools. Johnson County Community College is committed to playing a part in this transformation, as we examine our own green practices and incorporate sustainability into our curriculum and workforce training."

Johnson County's Student Environmental Alliance, a coalition of student groups, celebrated Earth Day with "Going Green 2008," April 21. Students promoted awareness of environmental issues, ideas and actions. A committee composed of faculty, staff and students tasked with studying the college's sustainability efforts. They will examine dining services and facilities, water resources, waste minimization, recycling and ways to incorporate sustainability into the curriculum. The college will also incorporate sustainability features in the new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library.

Like the rest of the college the library:

- offers recycle bins for aluminum and bottles
- offers recycle bins for black and white paper and color paper
- recycles printer cartridges
- encourages using less paper by limiting printing

The library supports sustainability by:

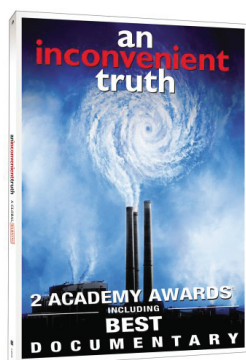
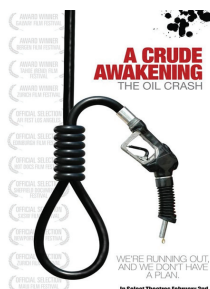
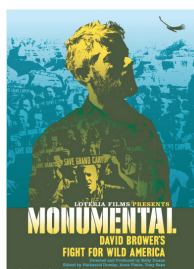
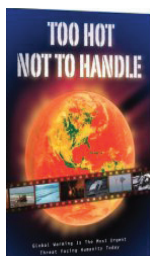
- using recycled note pads
- recycling old newspapers, magazines & journals from the stacks
- donating out of circulation books
- offering electronic journals with ability to email articles rather than print
- offering online resource guides

#### National Library Week

National Library Workers Day is a time to honor the contributions of all library workers, including librarians, support staff and others who make library services possible. This year's celebration included a sheet cake made and decorated by Dining Services.

Library workers are responsible for a wide variety of services that patrons come to expect from their libraries. They are in charge of more than just checking books in and out of the library. Library workers catalog and shelve materials; handle requests and send them to other libraries; answer phone calls and emails; organize programs and events; administer computer networks; update the library's Website; select and obtain books, CDs, videos, and databases; and much more.





## Celebrate Earth Day 2008 with 8 DVDs

As Kermit the Frog will tell you, “It’s not easy being green.” However, with over 40 films in the Billington Library focusing on the environment, being green can be fun.

Turn down your compact florescent lights, pop in a free DVD from the library, and learn some inconvenient truths about the environment. We won’t tell anyone you’re watching them on your energy guzzling, 42-inch plasma screen ...

**Arctic Biomes**, 2005, [DVD] 577.07 A6754 through .A6758

This five-part Discovery Channel series examines the ecosystems and history of the arctic.

**A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash**, 2006, [DVD] 333.79 C9553

The film presents a rock-solid argument that the era of cheap oil is in the past. It goes deep into the uncomfortable realities of a world that is both addicted to fossil fuels and blissfully unaware of the looming “peak oil” crisis. Debunks the conventional wisdom that oil production will continue to climb, and instead stare bleakly at a planet facing economic meltdown and conflict over its most valuable resource.

**Design: e2**, 2006, [DVD] 363.7 D4573

Design: e2 series examines the economies of being environmentally conscious in green building design. Narrated by Brad Pitt.

**An Inconvenient Truth**, 2006, [DVD] 363.7 I375

This DVD is a passionate and inspiring look at former Vice President Al Gore’s campaign to expose the myths and misconceptions of global warming, and to create public awareness on the subject.

**Monumental: David Brower’s Fight for Wild America**, 2005, [DVD] 363.7 M8155

David Brower was a filmmaker, outdoorsman and environmental crusader whose efforts helped save the Grand Canyon and transform the Sierra Club into a powerful political force. Brower’s own footage is included in this film.

**Planet Earth: The Complete Series**, 2007, [DVD] 550.9 P7126

The five-year production from the BBC that used 40 cameras in over 200 locations shot entirely in High Definition.

**Too Hot Not to Handle**, 2006, [DVD] 363.7 T6684

Over the past 100 years, the mass consumption of fossil fuel, especially in America, has contributed to a dangerous global warming that is now beginning to adversely impact our lives and promises to do far greater damage if we continue to ignore its warning signs. This cautionary documentary offers a guide to the impacts of global warming on the U.S. and gives measures that can be taken to reverse this trend.

**Who Killed the Electric Car?**, 2006, [DVD] 629.22 W6284

This film investigates the development and demise of the fuel-efficient, environment-friendly electric car. Examines the Bush administration’s role in the car’s being peremptory pulled from production, the influence of the automobile industry and oil interests, and implications for the future of sustainable energy in the United States.



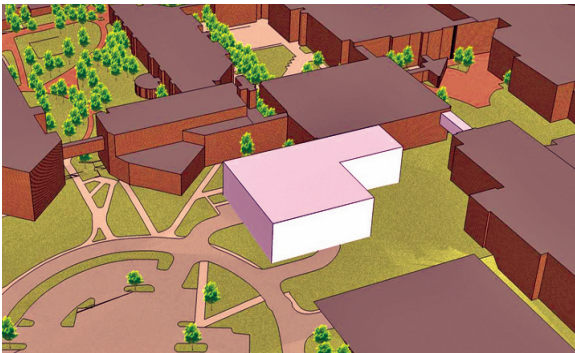
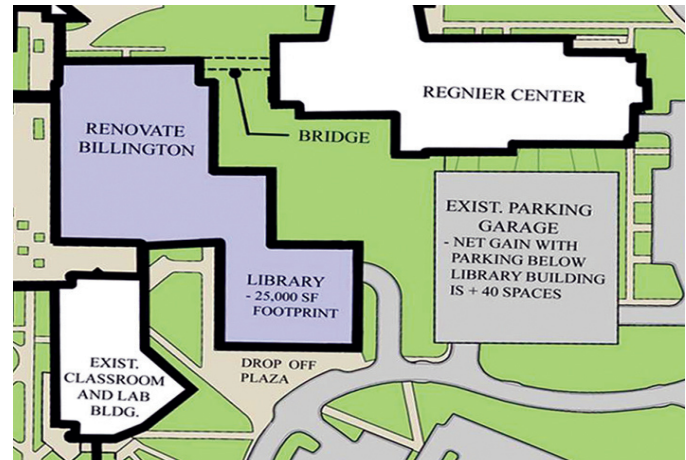
## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Update

Images courtesy of the  
Clark-Enersen Group

In February, the Clark Enersen Group, consultants for the new library, presented the Board of Trustees options that include renovating the existing Billington Library, building a new library and renovating the existing building, or building an addition to the library and renovating the existing structure.

The consultants recommended the last option, which would keep the project within a proposed \$35 million budget.

According to the consultant group, the new structure would sit southeast of the existing library. Plans include creating a bridge to the Regnier Center; space for offices and programs already housed



within the library; and space for programs that would

be good partners for the library, such as the Writing Center and the Academic Achievement Center. It would also include more classrooms; faculty offices; and perhaps underground parking. The timeframe for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library could be one to three years depending on which option the board selects.

Visit the college's video server at <http://video.jccc.net> to watch the Feb. 21 presentation to the board.

### ***Did you know ...***

money generated by the college's recycling sales support a student scholarship fund? That's right, recycling soda and water bottles helps students. So don't trash those papers, recycle them into a scholarship.

## What are you reading?

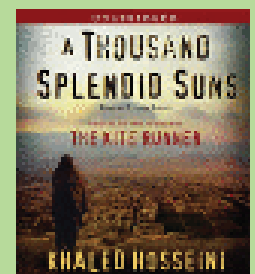
***Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: a Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver, with Steven L. Hopp and Camille Kingsolver**  
Kingsolver fans will find this a very different kind of book for her. This is her nonfictional account of her family's year-long experiment to eat foods only produced on their farm (or at least, no further away than their county boundaries). Her imaginative metaphors and flowing prose offer enough reason to read the book, but for those who care about sustaining local farmers and a rural way of life will find it informative as she tackles farming, governmental, and environmental issues.

***Cult of the Amateur: How today's internet is killing our culture* by Andrew Keen.**

Andrew Keen provides a thoughtful and thought-provoking dissertation on user-generated content of Web 2.0. He covers it all: Wikipedia, YouTube, MySpace (not much mention of FaceBook) blogs, wikis, cookies, search engines, online gambling, prostitution, peer-to-peer sharing, and plagiarism. His non-alarmist tone is reasoned, though readers may not agree with every point he makes. His conclusion calls for limited legislation to protect professional journalists, authors, and musicians. Keen also examines upstart websites that "getting it right," or provide juried, professional content in a way that is compatible with Web 2.0 technologies. Keen has the credentials and provides some good points. Well worth the time to read.

***A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalad Hoseini**

How could you possibly follow *The Kite Runner*? This time Hosseini deals with the intricacies of feminine friendship as well as the continuing history of Afghanistan up through the removal of the Taliban. It has an epic feel to it, tracing the life stories of two women who through no fault of their own, end up married to one heinous brute. There is mystery, love, betrayal, reconciliation, and the story of a gorgeous country and people who are brutalized by aggression in the name of power.



## New Faces In Old Spaces

Spring always seems to bring new students to the library but this year it has brought new library staff as well. Let's take a few moments to learn about two of these new faces.

**John Bunyard** – library aid, information

I began this job in January

Favorite spot near JCCC to eat is Talk of the Town because they have killer half-priced burgers on Wednesdays.

I think libraries are cool because you can get a lot accomplished with all the peace and quiet.

I just learned how to draw Lewis structures (for Gen. Chem I).

**Judy Korn** – librarian, interlibrary loan

I began this job in January.

Favorite spot near JCCC to eat is Garozzos because it has delicious vegetarian food

I think libraries are cool because a) all the books and b) librarians are more fun!

I just learned how to replace the battery in my truck.

Other new staff include: **Alexandra Carter**, library aid, circulation; **Raquel Lopez**, library aid, circulation; and **Kelsy Peterson**, librarian, reference

## Reflections of an Embedded Librarian

Jan Brooks, library aid, served as an embedded librarian. Not familiar with the term? Brooks, who is also a student at Emporia State University, is working toward her Master's of Library Science degree. As part of the program, Brooks enrolled in an online class placing students as embedded librarians in a nursing theory course.

"Becoming embedded in their class environment allows us to target our skills to the specific discipline and course content and challenges us to find new ways of truly helping our patrons." Brooks said part of her success in the program came because of the attitude of the instructor.

"I was so fortunate to be assigned to a nursing professor who welcomed us, encouraged the students to contact us, and was enthusiastic about any of our ideas to promote the library and our availability within the online environment.

"Cultivating a trust relationship with the professor becomes paramount and needs to become a priority for academic librarians in general and embedded librarians specifically." Yet even with the endorsement of the instructor, Brooks said she learned that being available was not enough. "Students needed not only to be told we were available, but they also needed to know what we could do for them," she said. "And to be honest, sometimes I didn't know what I could do until confronted with the situation."

Brooks said the library students initiated several discussion threads about Interlibrary Loan, ILLiad, and the APA Style Guide to Electronic References. They even created an APA cheat sheet and posted it online. "Most of the questions were about locating articles on a specific subject or APA format," she said. "But some of them dealt with plagiarism, or Wikipedia, and at least one student hoped I could help with some technology issues she was having in accessing her articles." Brooks said as demand for online courses increases, librarians must focus on providing competent, professional services in personal and unique ways. "Competency becomes the criteria any student would use in deciding whether or not to consult with a librarian after the initial contact," she said.

In April, Brooks will present her experiences as an embedded librarian at the Thirteenth annual Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Salt Lake city, Utah.

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